

May 2, 2018

Ms. Alexis Strauss
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Dear Ms. Strauss:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting the *South Coast On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Incentive Measure* (South Coast Incentive Measure) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The South Coast Incentive Measure will utilize Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program incentive funds to replace and repower approximately 1,300 older, on-road heavy-duty vehicles with vehicles that meet the California Low-NOx engine standard and will achieve approximately one ton per day of oxides of nitrogen emission reductions. The South Coast Incentive Measure is the first prospective SIP-creditable incentive measure of its kind and will serve as a template for CARB and California's local air districts to prospectively take credit in the SIP for reductions from incentive programs. CARB approved the South Coast Incentive Measure at a public hearing on March 22, 2018.

In March 2017, CARB adopted the *2016 State Strategy for the State Implementation Plan* (State SIP Strategy) which included commitments for the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Air Quality Management Plan to meet the 80 parts per billion 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard. The State SIP Strategy included a commitment to develop and propose to the Board for consideration a measure entitled, *Incentive Funding to Achieve Further Emission Reductions from On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicles*. This submittal fulfills the State SIP Strategy commitment to develop an incentive-based emission reduction measure for Board consideration.

This package contains one hard copy and one duplicate electronic copy of the following materials:

1. CARB's *South Coast On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Incentive Measure*, dated February 16, 2018
2. Errata Sheet for the *South Coast On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Incentive Measure*, dated March 19, 2018

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3. Additional Information for the South Coast On-Road Heavy-Duty Vehicle Incentive Measure
4. Public Hearing Notice for the CARB Board Hearing on March 22-23, 2018 and public notice evidence
5. CARB Resolution approving the South Coast Incentive Measure as a SIP revision
6. Transcript from the March 22-23, 2018 CARB public hearing to consider approval of the South Coast Incentive Measure
7. Comment Log demonstrating one comment was submitted along with a formal statement from a commenter
8. Comment letter received at March 22, 2018 public hearing to consider approval of the South Coast Incentive Measure
9. SIP Completeness Checklist

CARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional information you may need. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739, or have your staff contact Dr. Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division, at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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